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(C) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer delivered reftel demarche August 16 to MOFA International Peace Cooperation Division Deputy Director Ryo Nakamura. Nakamura acknowledged receipt of the same demarche in New York, and explained that Japan would not be able make any immediate contribution to UNIFIL. Legislative barriers, domestic political problems and technical force projection difficulties would all need to be overcome before Japan could commit any kind of assistance to the UN force. Japan is sensitive to the urgency of the situation in Lebanon, and would make its decision as quickly as possible, said Nakamura.

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